

REMARKS

A. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Archibald et al., *Inorganic Chemistry*, Vol. 38, No. 24, pp. 5571-5578 (1999).

Archibald et al., discloses N,N'-diphenylformanidate Silver(I) dimers which include aryl groups (clearly seen Fig. 3). The reference discusses the necessary twist of the "phenyl rings" to place the methoxy substituents at suitable distances from the Ag atoms. (pg. 5575) Additionally, as referenced by the examiner, Table 3 discloses various phenyl substituents. The cited reference is replete with directions and incentives to provide aryl substituents.

B. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shibayama et al., *Macromolecules*, Vol. 30, No. 11, pp. 3159-3163 (1997).

Shibayama et al. discloses aryl substituents similar to the Archibald et al. reference. The referenced copper(I) amidinate complex (having the formula II shown at page 3160) clearly includes aryl groups. Table 1 on pg. 3163 (also referenced by the examiner) also clearly details substituted aryl groups.

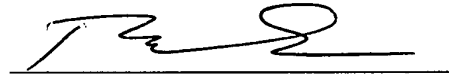
C. Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dehnicke et al., *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry*, Vol. 352, No. 1-2, pp. C1-C4 (1988).

Dehnicke et al. discloses the formation of an organoamidinato complex that necessarily includes trimethylsilyl. This is clearly seen in Table 1 at pg. C3 (referenced by the Examiner) and the legend defining "L" below Table 1, both showing trimethylsilyl.

In summary, none of the three references of record disclose any of the specific elements recited in claims 1-4. Accordingly, they cannot be said to be anticipatory or to render obvious the claims of this application.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and that it should be passed to issue. Such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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